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2014 White Coat Gala

The White Coat Gala, April 12 at the Connecticut Convention Center, honored the Auxiliary this year. As you can see by the picture below, a good time was had by all.

Irene E. Engel spoke on behalf of the Auxiliary and was presented with the Carole and Ray Neag Medal of Honor. Her son, David J. Engel, was her escort for the night.

Michael Fiedler Photography



Representing the Auxiliary Board at the Gala are (back row) Laurie Pencz, Linda Wosczyzna, Pam Miles, Margo Granger, Swampa Das, Joan Williams, Ann Lazarek, Debbie Baril, (front row) Annarita Erwin, Irene Engel and Audrey Morgan.

End-of-year Annual Meeting Report

This past year of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, has been one of the best years for the [Auxiliary](#).

A thank you to all our volunteers and paid staff in the Gift Shop.

A thank you for all the volunteers in the Thrift Shop and the dedicated many hours given that has allowed us to make an incredible donation to our projects.

Last but not least, a thank you to all the committees that successfully put on the fashion show, Holiday Bazaar, Spring Market, plant sales and book/bake sales. As the old saying goes, a little here and there can add up.

Fiscal 2014

Gift Shop Vendor Sales:	\$17,469
Donation for the year from Gift Shop:	\$30,000
Donation for the year from the Thrift Shop:	\$50,000
Donations from all committees' projects:	\$15,966
Total:	\$113,435

After all expenses paid for most of this year's commitments we still have \$107,238 in our account. This enables us to double our projected budget for this year, which means we can do the following in our fiscal 2015:

- ◆ We will double our Patient Education pledge, so in September we will give \$80,000 instead of \$40,000.
- ◆ We can add \$2,000 to our Patient Assessment Fund for Cancer Patients and \$1,000 for survivorship mammograms.
- ◆ We will also honor our \$2,000 Nursing Education Fund for this coming year.

Our fundraising this year enabled the Cancer Center to provide 12 free mammograms and purchase the following for patients, to be distributed and monitor by social services:

- ◆ 20-\$3.00 Bus Passes
- ◆ 20-\$10.00 CVS Gift Cards
- ◆ 20-\$10.00 Gas Cards
- ◆ 20-\$50.00 Stop and Shop Gift Cards

The penny boxes still amount to quite a bit, the Rotary of Farmington also contributes to this cause.

We still have Viridian income and matching donations that are part of our yearly income.

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Irene Engel, Ann Lazarek and Marilyn Elling work the book/cookie sale held last April outside the Connucopia.



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CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

The process of living with or beating cancer is a life changing experience which impacts life values and career goals.



Remember Cookie?



Our first guest in The Family Place at Homewood Suites, Mary Ntiri, has kept us informed about her little “Cookie” (William, born 15 weeks premature in June 2008) and his progress after his many months in our NICU and her stay in our Homewood Suite. Now Cookie is getting ready for kindergarten! The right photo is from this spring, when he read to West Haven Mayor Ed O’Brien, who visited his preschool for Dr. Seuss Week.

One of Our Best Years

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We sent Amy Hanoian from the [Connecticut Poison Control Center](#) to Atlanta for a conference, paying all her expenses.

The UConn Health Auxiliary Student Fund, which is in the [UConn Foundation](#), was used to help medical, dental and graduate students. Dr. Art Hand from the Dental School and Dr. David Henderson from Medical Student Affairs attended our annual meeting June 26 to thank the Auxiliary for its continuing support of the schools.

The following students benefited from this fund:

- ◆ Ashley Acevido
- ◆ Melissa Argraves
- ◆ Tyler Aten
- ◆ Andrea Browne
- ◆ Hugo Campos
- ◆ Ritika Chandra
- ◆ Christopher Gibson
- ◆ Eric Hebert
- ◆ Emily Lloyd
- ◆ Andrea Lochian
- ◆ Joseph Merai
- ◆ Nancy Wong



The Spring Fair raised nearly \$4,000 this year.

Rotarians Join Auxiliary for NICU Webcam Project

The Auxiliary has partnered with Rotary of Farmington to start a new project through Connecticut Children's Medical Center and the EvvGirl foundation for 72 NICU cameras.

We are excited to be part of this new endeavor to bring families together with modern new technologies. Parents will be able to monitor their babies through a secure camera system when they are not there. They will be able to use their smart phone or laptops to monitor their baby, and allow family members in all parts of the world to bond with the neonate, if the families want to share their experience.



The first fundraiser was sponsored by District 9 Rotaries, which are Avon-Canton, Farmington, Hartford, Newington, West Hartford, and Wethersfield/Rocky Hill. A golf tournament was held at Farmington Woods on June 9, and the first 10 cameras are going to one module in the Connecticut Children's NICU at UConn Health.

The Rotary of Farmington chose the UConn Health Auxiliary as one of its causes for this past year. We will be receiving a check for \$4,000 from our Rotary friends, and with that the Auxiliary board has voted to purchase a \$2,500 camera. We are pleased that we once again will be helping families of our neonatal babies.

Thrift Shop Update...

The [Auxiliary Thrift Shop](#), 270 Park St., West Hartford, will be closed Wednesdays in August. The shop will return to regular hours the week of Sept. 3, with special sales all week, ending Saturday, Sept. 6, with everything you can fit in a bag for \$7. The new fall stock will be in on Sept. 10. Be sure to come in and see us.

The Thrift Shop pick-ups outside the cafeteria were stopped for July and August and will resume on Monday, Sept. 29.

UPCOMING VENDORS

Aug. 7	Wire Design Originals	Food Court Lobby	9a-3p
Sept. 4	Leslies Jewelry	Food Court Lobby	9a-3p
Sept. 12	A Little Pizzaz	Food Court Lobby	9a-3p
Sept. 18	Eastern Cap	Food Court Lobby	9a-3p
Sept. 19	Sam's Club	Food Court Lobby	9a-3p
Sept. 26	Essential Rose	Food Court Lobby	9a-3p
Sept. 30	Costco	Food Court Lobby	9a-3p

Be sure to check daily Broadcast Messages for regular updates on Connucopia sales and specials!

...And Don't Miss These Fall Happenings

Please continue to support us and watch for:

- ◆ **Mum Sale, Sept. 19**, outside the Gift Shop and in the dining area of Munson Road
- ◆ **Book/Cookie Sale, Oct. 3**, outside the Gift Shop
- ◆ **Fashion Show, Oct. 24**
- ◆ **Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 21**

Have a great rest of the summer!